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EO 11652: GDS  
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SUBJ: PROPOSED PHASE OUT OF FILIPINO RECRUITMENTS IN U.S. NAVY

REF: STATE 298629

1. THE U. S. NAVY PROGRAM TO RECRUIT FILIPINOS HAS OVER THE YEARS DEVELOPED AN IMPORTANT CONSTITUENCY HERE. IT IS A POPULAR PROGRAM AS AN ADMITTEDLY SOMEWHAT CONTROVERSIAL CAREER OUTLET FOR FILIPINOS, AND AS A GOOD SOURCE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE. THE GOP WOULD NOT RPT NOT WELCOME ITS TERMINATION.

2. THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT MOST OF US, AS WELL AS POLITICALLY SENTIENT FILIPINOS, DO VIEW THE PROGRAM AS A HANGOVER FROM ANOTHER DAY WHICH SHOULD EVENTUALLY BE ELIMINATED. THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT, EVEN SO, THAT ELIMINATING THE PROGRAM TOO PRECIPITATELY WOULD HAVE REPERCUSSIONS LIKELY TO CAUSE US PROBLEMS IN OTHER AREAS.

3. WITH BASE NEGOTIATIONS APPROACHING WE MUST CONSIDER ANY PLANS FOR PHASE OUT WITH PARTICULAR CARE, ESPECIALLY

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TO AVOID APPEARING TO ACT IN A PEREMPTORY FASHION.

WHILE WE STRONGLY DOUBT THAT THIS WOULD BE A SUITABLE  
MOMENT TO BEGIN PHASING OUT THE PROGRAM, WE WILL BE  
LOOKING FOR AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO TEST THE WATER  
WITH THE GOP IN AN INFORMAL WAY. WE DO NOT RPT NOT  
ANTICIPATE A FAVORABLE REACTION TO PROPOSALS FOR IMMEDIATE  
WINDING DOWN.

4. IN THIS LIGHT, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE NAVY  
DEFER ITS PLANS TO TERMINATE THE RECRUITMENT PROGRAM  
UNTIL WE KNOW MORE CLEARLY HOW THIS MIGHT IMPACT ON  
OUR BROADER INTERESTS IN BASE NEGOTIATIONS, ETC.

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